

Please cancel claims 11-59.

REMARKS

The purpose of this preliminary amendment is insert a priority claim into the application and to remove existing multiple dependencies from the claims. Claims 11-59 have been canceled. Applicants intend to submit claims directed to the subject matter of canceled claims 11-59 via preliminary amendment in the very near future.

Favorable consideration leading to prompt allowance of the present application is respectfully requested.

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Enclosures: Marked up draft of amended claims.

Marked up draft of claims showing where amendments have been made.

3. (Amended) A nucleic acid according to claim 1 [or claim 2] which comprises a VRN2 nucleotide sequence which encodes a polypeptide of SEQ ID No. 2.

5. (Amended) A nucleic acid according to claim 1 [or claim 2] which comprises a VRN2 nucleotide sequence which encodes a polypeptide of SEQ ID No. 5.

7. (Amended) A nucleic acid according to claim 1 [or claim 2] which comprises a VRN2 nucleotide sequence which encodes a polypeptide of SEQ ID No. 8.